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## U.S. Transportation Secretary Chao visits FIU's Engineering Center

On October 17, FIU welcomed U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao. After participating in a transportation and infrastructure stakeholders' meeting with Miami-Dade County representatives, Secretary Chao and Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart visited FIU's Accelerated Bridge Construction University Transportation Center (ABC-UTC), which is funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT). While at FIU, Secretary Chao also had the opportunity to visit FIU's Wall of Wind (WOW) and FPL's Solar Facility at FIU.

After President Mark Rosenberg and Engineering Dean John Volakis welcomed Secretary Chao, Dr. Azizinamini, chair of FIU's civil engineering department and director of FIU's ABC-UTC, highlighted cost-effective university-developed technologies that can more rapidly repair existing bridges, create workforce development opportunities and incorporate new technologies. The Secretary was also briefed on FIU's vision for catastrophic disaster research and the role ABC-UTC plays in our resilience efforts.

Secretary Chao toured FIU's Titan Materials Construction Lab, where the folded-plate girder technology, as well as the high-performance concrete and shell were highlighted. Dr. Azizinamini also discussed the introduction of robotics and 3D printing into the construction of bridges. Additionally, several graduate students had the opportunity to meet Secretary Chao and explain their current research.



The research priorities of the ABC-UTC include extending the ABC principles to repair, replace and preserve bridges; enhancing the life of bridges; developing tools, guidelines and specifications to facilitate adoption of ABC principles; and developing the next generation of decision-making tools for better communication among stakeholders.



The 2017 National Accelerated Bridge Construction Conference, sponsored by the ABC-UTC, will be held on December 7 and 8 at the Hyatt Regency Miami. More information is available at the [ABC-UTC Conference website](#).



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## Upcoming Events

### November

- **November 1, 11 am to 12 noon, WC 130, InWE Seminar Series:** [\*Carbon gains and losses under nutrient enrichment in a mangrove wetland\*](#) presented by [Brita Jessen](#)
- **November 8, 12 to 1 pm, AHC 1 #110,** [\*How to support your teen in making good decisions about alcohol and other drugs\*](#), presented by [Nicole Schatz](#)
- **November 8, 3 to 3:50 pm, SIPA 220,** [\*Biomolecular Sciences Institute Lecture\*](#) by [Carlos A. Torres-Ramos](#)
- **November 17, 1:30 to 2:30 pm, GL 100A,** [\*Probing Protein Conformational Dynamics from Single Molecules to Single Living Cells\*](#) by [Peter Lu](#)

### December

- **December 1, 11 am to 12 noon, AHC3 #205,** [\*Hide and Seek: How to DNA Glycosylases Locate Oxidatively Damaged DNA Bases Amidst a Sea of Undamaged Bases\*](#) by [Susan Wallace](#)
- **December 1, 2 to 3 pm, ECS 241,** [\*IHMC Research: National Language Processing, Cyber Security and Big Data\*](#), presented by [Bonnie Borr](#)
- **December 6, 11 am to 12 noon, WC 130,** [\*Fossil fuels and fish: how physiology can provide insight into underlying mechanisms in toxicology\*](#), presented by [Rachael Heuer](#)
- **December 8, 12:30 to 1:30 pm, AHC4 #402,** [\*Linking pH, Temperature, K<sup>+</sup> Concentration and Conformation for the DNA i-Motif\*](#), presented by [Richard Sheardy](#)
- **December 13, 12 to 1 pm, Citrus Health Network,** [\*Recent studies in dosing and sequencing pharmacological and behavioral treatments for ADHD: When They Go High, We Go Low\*](#), presented by [William Pelham](#)
- **December 14 and 15, 8 am to 4 pm, Broward County Convention Center,** [\*9<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast Florida Regional Climate Leadership Summit\*](#), registration required.

## Awards Received—September 2017

FIU researchers were awarded \$21,501,668 in September 2017. Below is a listing of awards received:

#### Agarwal, Arvind

College of Engineering and Computing  
Engineering Deans Office  
National Science Foundation  
NST ERC: Nanosystems Engineering Research Center  
Initial

\$89,102

#### Agarwal, Arvind

College of Engineering and Computing  
Engineering Deans Office  
Air Force Office of Scientific Research  
Acquisition of Low Load Acquisition of a Low-Load Mechanical Testing Platform  
Initial

\$108,310

#### Almirall, Jose R

College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Chemistry  
National Science Foundation  
FBI Laboratory Membership in the I/UCRC  
Increase

\$25,000

<b>Bagner, Daniel</b> College of Arts, Sciences & Education Psychology Child Health and Human Development Effect of Parent Emotion-Related Talk on Infant Behavior and Regulation Increase	\$468
<b>Barbetta, Patricia</b> College of Arts, Sciences & Education Teaching and Learning Florida Department of Education 2017-2018 Exceptional Student Education (ESE Tuition Support Program) Initial	\$17,669
<b>Bejar, Elizabeth M</b> Academic Affairs - Other Units U.S. Department of Education A Study of Completion Grants at Accessible Public Universities Initial	\$60,000
<b>Bhat, Mahadev</b> College of Arts, Sciences & Education Earth and Environment U.S. Department of Agriculture Veterans and Small Farmers Outreach and Assistance in South Florida Initial	\$178,125
<b>Boeglin, Werner</b> College of Arts, Sciences & Education Physics U.S. Department of Energy A Fast Proton Diagnostic for NSTX Continuation	\$237,881
<b>Boukerrou, Lakhdar</b> College of Arts, Sciences & Education Institute of Water and Environment U.S. Department of Defense Africa Symposiums Support Initial	\$93,055
<b>Boukerrou, Lakhdar</b> College of Arts, Sciences & Education Institute of Water and Environment U.S. Department of Defense Africa Symposiums Support Initial	\$103,000
<b>Briceno, Henry</b> College of Arts, Sciences & Education SERC Environmental Protection Agency Water Quality Monitoring Project for the Florida Keys Increase	\$174,500

**Briceno, Henry**

College of Arts, Sciences &amp; Education—SERC

National Park Service

Mechanisms and Conditions responsible for elevated TP levels

Increase

\$75,000

**Caballero, Amaury**

College of Engineering and Computing

Electrical and Computer Engineering

Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Electrical wiring Program for SED Students

Initial

\$15,400

**Cano Jr, Miguel A**

Robert Stempel College of Public Health &amp; Social Work

Epidemiology

Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

Ethnic Discrimination &amp; Alcohol Risk Behaviors among Hispanic Adolescents

Initial

\$105,437

**Carmel, Justin H**

College of Arts, Sciences &amp; Education

Chemistry

National Science Foundation

Collaborative Research: Developing Items to Assess the Use

Initial

\$188,270

**Cirion, Yisell**

Academic Affairs - Other Units

Career and Talent Development

Peace Corps

Peace Corps Strategic Recruiter

Continuation

\$21,269

**Cruz, Jeannette**

Academic Affairs - Other Units

Multicultural Programs MMC

Office of Postsecondary Education

Student Support Services 2015-2020

Continuation

\$232,265

**De Caprio, Anthony**

College of Arts, Sciences &amp; Education

Chemistry

National Institute of Justice

Novel Blood Protein Modification Assay for Retrospective Detection

Initial

\$467,885

**De Caprio, Anthony**

College of Arts, Sciences &amp; Education

Chemistry

U.S. Department of Justice

Development of Improved Extraction/Purification Methods

Initial

\$50,000

**De Caprio, Anthony**

College of Arts, Sciences &amp; Education

Chemistry

National Institute of Justice

Optimization of Pretreatment Parameters in Hair Analysis

Initial

\$50,000

**Dinehart, Laura H**

College of Arts, Sciences &amp; Education

School of Education

South Florida After-School All Stars Inc.

South Florida ASAS Transfer Agreement 2016-2017

Increase

\$25,000

**Fonseca, Brian**

Steven J. Green School of International &amp; Public Affairs

J Gordon Institute of Public Policy &amp; Citizenship

Defense Intelligence Agency

Intelligence Community Centers for Academic Excellence

Initial

\$300,000

**Fourqurean, James**

College of Arts, Sciences &amp; Education

Biology

National Park Service

Dry Tortugas National Park Seagrass Communities Assessment Project

Increase

\$35,000

**Fourqurean, James**

College of Arts, Sciences &amp; Education

Biology

National Park Service

South Florida Caribbean Inventory and Monitoring Network

Increase

\$56,000

**Frankovich, Thomas A**

College of Arts, Sciences &amp; Education

SERC

National Park Service

Linkages of Water Quality, Submerged Aquatic Vegetation

Increase

\$80,000

**Gaiser, Evelyn**

College of Arts, Sciences &amp; Education—SEAS

National Science Foundation

LTER: FCE LTER III - Coastal Oligotrophic Ecosystems Research

Increase

\$39,123

**Gaiser, Evelyn**

College of Arts, Sciences &amp; Education—SEAS

National Park Service

Assessing Near-field and Landscape Scale Ecological Effects

Increase

\$326,523

**Gaiser, Evelyn**

College of Arts, Sciences &amp; Education—SEAS

South Florida Water Management District

Vegetation and periphyton monitoring in Biscayne Bay Coastal wetlands project

Initial

\$45,300

**Gann, Daniel**

Academic Affairs - Other Units

GIS Center and Digital Collection

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Monitoring of Tree Island Condition in the Southern Ever

Increase

\$18,622

**Hadi, Mohammed A**

College of Engineering and Computing

Civil and Environ Engineering

Florida Department of Transportation

SR 924/NW 119 Street Adaptive Signal Control Technology Pilot Project Evaluation Phase I

Initial

\$36,874

**Ibarra, Julio E**

Academic Affairs - Other Units

CIARA

National Science Foundation

Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST)

Continuation

\$5,041,500

**Ibarra, Julio E**

Academic Affairs - Other Units

CIARA

National Science Foundation

IRNC: Backbone: Americas Africa Research and eduCation Lightpaths (AARCLight)

Increase

\$200,000

**Ibarra, Julio E**

Academic Affairs - Other Units

CIARA

National Science Foundation

IRNC Backbone - AmLight Express and Protect (Exp)

Continuation

\$2,000,000

**Ilcheva, Maria**

Steven J. Green School of International &amp; Public Affairs

Metropolitan Center

Citizens Independent Transportation Trust

2017 Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) Transportation Summit Planning

Increase

\$20

**Jayachandran, Krishnaswamy**

College of Arts, Sciences &amp; Education

Earth and Environment

U.S. Department of Agriculture

A Foundation for New Farmers in South Florida

Initial

\$300,000

**Jayachandran, Krishnaswamy**

College of Arts, Sciences &amp; Education

Earth and Environment

U.S. Department of Agriculture

START NOW "Student Training in Agricultural Research Techniques by

Continuation

\$83,000

**Kadko, David**

Academic Affairs - Other Units

ARC Applied Research Center

National Science Foundation

Collaborative Research: Pb-210 and Po-210 as tracers of scavenging and export

Initial

\$96,385

**Kominoski, John**

College of Arts, Sciences &amp; Education

Biology

National Science Foundation

Collaborative Research: Do mangroves provide better coastal protection

Initial

\$39,386

**Kutateladze, Besiki Luka**

Steven J. Green School of International &amp; Public Affairs

Criminal Justice

National Institute of Justice

LGBTQ/GNC Hate Crimes in Miami

Initial

\$499,597

**Lagos, Leonel**

Academic Affairs - Other Units

ARC Applied Research Center

Office of Environmental Management

Chemical Process Alternatives for Radioactive Waste

Continuation

\$308,750

**Lagos, Leonel**

Academic Affairs - Other Units

ARC Applied Research Center

Office of Environmental Management

Environmental Remediation Science and Technology

Continuation

\$308,750

**Lagos, Leonel**

Academic Affairs - Other Units—ARC

Office of Environmental Management

Waste and D &amp; D Engineering and Technology Development

Continuation

\$308,750

**Lagos, Leonel**

Academic Affairs - Other Units—ARC

Office of Environmental Management

DOE-FIU Science and Technology Workforce Development Program

Continuation

\$308,750



**Lagos, Leonel**

Academic Affairs - Other Units—ARC

U.S. Department of Energy

Robust and Remote Radiation Hardened Robotic System for Tunnel Inspection

Increase

\$15,000

**Lisetti, Christine**

College of Engineering and Computing

Computer Info Sciences

U.S. Department of Education

Interactive Virtual Training (IVT) for Early Career Teachers in Urban Schools

Increase

\$146,877

**Madhivanan, Purnima**

Robert Stempel College of Public Health &amp; Social Work

Epidemiology

National Institutes of Health

Global Health Equity Scholars Program

Pre-Award

\$6,000

**Madhivanan, Purnima**

Robert Stempel College of Public Health &amp; Social Work

Epidemiology

National Institutes of Health

Global Health Equity Scholars Program

Pre-Award

\$25,000

**Maziak, Wasim**

Robert Stempel College of Public Health &amp; Social Work

Epidemiology

Fogarty International Center NIH

Translating evidence and building capacity to support water pipe control

Initial

\$374,093

**Miguez, Maria Jose**

College of Arts, Sciences &amp; Education

SISH

National Institutes of Health

Alcohol and HIV: Bio-behavioral Interactions and Intervention-Year 3

Continuation

\$142,433

**Montas-Hunter, Sonja S**

Academic Affairs - Other Units

Student Access and Success

U.S. Department of Education

Educational Talent Search Program 2016-2021

Continuation

\$246,000

**Montas-Hunter, Sonja S**

Academic Affairs - Other Units

Student Access and Success

U.S. Department of Education

EV3 Robotics 2017-2018 21st Century Community Learning Centers

Initial

\$61,935

**Montas-Hunter, Sonja S**

Academic Affairs - Other Units—Student Access and Success  
 U.S. Department of Education  
 FIU McNair 2017-2022 Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program  
 Initial

\$243,874

**Montas-Hunter, Sonja S**

Academic Affairs - Other Units—Student Access and Success  
 U.S. Department of Education  
 FIU TRIO Upward Bound: Florida International University Upward Bound  
 Increase

\$10,863

**Munroe, Norman D**

College of Engineering and Computing  
 Mechanical and Mat Engineering  
 National Action Council for Minorities  
 NACME Initiative at Florida International University  
 Increase

\$5,000

**Munroe, Norman D**

College of Engineering and Computing  
 Mechanical and Mat Engineering  
 National Action Council for Minorities  
 NACME Initiative at Florida International University  
 Increase

\$15,000

**Munroe, Norman D**

College of Engineering and Computing  
 Mechanical and Mat Engineering  
 Children's Trust  
 FIU-ENLACE  
 Initial

\$434,682

**Munroe, Norman D**

College of Engineering and Computing  
 Mechanical and Mat Engineering  
 Children's Trust  
 FIU-ENLACE  
 Initial

\$77,811

**Murray, Edward P**

Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs  
 Metropolitan Center  
 University of Miami  
 JPMorgan + UM Housing Policy Toolkit  
 Initial

\$10,000

**Odai, Michelle L**

Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing & Health Sciences  
 Athletic Training  
 National Athletic Trainers' Association  
 Leadership Training to Support Improved Outcomes from Conference Travel  
 Initial

\$4,992

**O'Shea, Kevin**

College of Arts, Sciences &amp; Education—Chemistry

National Science Foundation

Collaborative Research: EAGER: Tailored sorbents for the removal of

Initial

\$35,000

**Pala, Nezh**

College of Engineering and Computing

Electrical &amp; Computer Engineering

Army Research Laboratory

3D Simulation of THz Plasmonic Structures

Increase

\$7,105

**Papastamatiou, Yannis Peter**

College of Arts, Sciences &amp; Education

Biology

Earthwatch Institute

Shark and ray conservation in Belize

Initial

\$53,497

**Prospect, Sean Antonio**

College of Arts, Sciences &amp; Education

Community Engagement

After-School All Stars

Project SUPPORT (FIU After-School All-Stars) 2015-2016

Continuation

\$13,185

**Raiker Jr, Joseph**

College of Arts, Sciences &amp; Education

Psychology

Children's Trust

After-school support program for youth at-risk for behavior problems

Initial

\$225,767

**Rangaswami, Raju**

College of Engineering and Computing

Computer Info Sciences

National Science Foundation

SHF: Small: Vertically Integrated Persistence

Initial

\$450,000

**Rangaswami, Raju**

College of Engineering and Computing

Computer Info Sciences

National Science Foundation

REU

Initial

\$8,000

**Ross, Michael S**

College of Arts, Sciences &amp; Education

Earth and Environment

National Park Service

Ecosystem dynamics in the White Zone: history, drivers, and restoration implications

Increase

\$121,970

<p><b>Ross, Monique Serena Lara</b>  College of Engineering and Computing  Computer Info Sciences  National Science Foundation  EAGER: Demystifying the Engineering and Computer Science Underrepresentation  Initial</p>	\$71,206
<p><b>Royles, Daniel E</b>  Steven J. Green School of International &amp; Public Affairs  History  Institute of Museum and Library Services  Digital Archives for Virginia Key  Initial</p>	\$7,664
<p><b>Russell, Valerie</b>  College of Arts, Sciences &amp; Education  Leadership and Professional Studies  U.S. Department of Education  Training Worlds Ahead Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors at FIU  Continuation</p>	\$54,865
<p><b>Russell, Valerie</b>  College of Arts, Sciences &amp; Education  Leadership and Prof Stu  U.S. Department of Education  Subproject to 800005813: Student Support No F&amp;A  Continuation</p>	\$125,135
<p><b>Sah, Jay P</b>  College of Arts, Sciences &amp; Education  SERC  U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  Landscape pattern - Marl Prairie/Slough Gradients  Increase</p>	\$96,280
<p><b>Sah, Jay P</b>  College of Arts, Sciences &amp; Education  SERC  U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  Monitoring of Tree Island Condition in the Southern Everglades  Increase</p>	\$73,846
<p><b>Sah, Jay P</b>  College of Arts, Sciences &amp; Education  SERC  U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  Landscape Pattern- Ridge, Slough, and Tree Island Mosaics  Increase</p>	\$91,690
<p><b>Sarmiento, Juan Pablo</b>  Academic Affairs - Other Units—Extreme Events Institute  US Agency for International Development  The Disaster Resilience and Climate in the Americas Program (DRCAP)  Increase</p>	\$260,000

**Sheehan Delgado, Diana Montserrat**

Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work  
Epidemiology  
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation  
Role of social disorganization on sexual risk behavior  
Initial

\$50,000

**Soto Caro, Fabian**

College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Psychology  
National Institute of Mental Health  
Perceptual and decisional processes underlying face perception biases  
Initial

\$239,809

**Sousa, Jacqueline Bueno**

College of Business Administration Dean's Office  
U.S. Small Business Administration  
SBDC FIU 2017 - (FED - MAIN)  
Increase

\$31,760

**Tansel, Ibrahim N**

College of Engineering and Computing  
Mechanical and Mat Engineering  
University of Central Florida  
NEESAT Eclipse Ballooning 2017 (NEB2017)  
Initial

\$4,200

**Thiel, Markus**

Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs  
Politics and Intl Relations  
Federal Republic of Germany  
Germany: making choices  
Initial

\$1,000

**Traynor, Mark Patrick**

Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management  
Hospitality and Tourism Management  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
2017-2018 Cochran Fellowship Program  
Initial

\$87,626

**Trexler, Joel**

College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Biology  
South Florida Water Management District  
Otolith Analysis of Everglades  
Initial

\$9,985

**Trexler, Joel**

College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
Biology  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Response of Fish to the DECOMP Physical Model  
Initial

\$165,000

**Triay Melendez, Ines**

Academic Affairs - Other Units—ARC

U.S. Department of Energy

MSI Mission-to-Market for Inclusive Economic Development

Initial

\$249,376

**Uluagac, Arif Selcuk**

College of Engineering and Computing

Electrical &amp; Computer Engineering

National Science Foundation

SaTC: TTP: Small: Collaborative: WACA: Wearable-Assisted

Initial

\$357,200

**Underwood, Sonia Miller**

College of Arts, Sciences &amp; Education—Chemistry

National Science Foundation

Collaborative Research: Creating assessments for student understanding

Initial

\$150,495

**Underwood, Sonia Miller**

College of Arts, Sciences &amp; Education—Chemistry

National Science Foundation

Collaborative Research: Extending the Coherent Gateway to STEM

Initial

\$161,487

**Volakis, John**

College of Engineering and Computing

Engineering Deans Office

Northrop Grumman

Wideband Phased Array Studies

Supplemental

\$15,000

**Volakis, John**

College of Engineering and Computing

Engineering Deans Office

National Science Foundation

A New Class of Millimeter-wave Phased Array for Secure High Data

Initial

\$169,859

**Volakis, John**

College of Engineering and Computing

Engineering Deans Office

Rockwell Collins

Planar Differential Tightly Coupled Dipole Array

Initial

\$40,000

**Wagner, Eric**

Robert Stempel College of Public Health &amp; Social Work

School of Social Work

National Institutes of Health

FIU-RCMI

Initial

\$2,624,990

**Wagner, Eric**

Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work  
 School of Social Work  
 Health Resources & Services Administration  
 Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Program  
 Initial

\$466,073

**Williams, Mark L**

Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work  
 Health Policy and Management  
 National Institutes of Health  
 HIV risk and prevention venue affiliation among young (R01)  
 Increase

\$2,829

**Willoughby, Hugh E**

College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
 Earth and Environment  
 National Science Foundation  
 Mechanisms for Hurricane Motion and Intensity Change  
 Initial

\$81,951

**Xiao, Yi**

College of Arts, Sciences & Education  
 Chemistry  
 National Institute of Justice  
 Electrochemical and Colorimetric Aptamer-Based Sensors f  
 Continuation

\$49,996

**Zevallos, Juan Carlos**

Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine  
 Medical & Population Health Sciences Research  
 Baptist Health South Florida  
 Innovative Cardiac Health Intervention  
 Initial

\$198,000

**Zhong, Yu**

College of Engineering and Computing  
 Mechanical and Mat Engineering  
 U.S. Department of Energy  
 The Novel Hybrid Start-Off Model of High Performance Structural Alloys  
 Increase

\$80,295

## *Funding Opportunities*

ORED has a new, improved and interactive webpage for funding opportunities. Please visit

<http://research.fiu.edu/funding/#current>.

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